Cause/Effect Paper Rubric

(5) Length – 3-5 pages

(10) Introduction - Catchy, personal, makes reader want to read on. Background info. is informative and engaging.

(5)Topic/Position - Writer gives good reason for analysis of causes/effects, states an interesting or significant reason for the analysis, and includes major causes/effects

(5) Thesis – solid well written thesis following the samples provided in class.

(20) C/E Support - Causes and/or effects are clearly explained and connected. Excellent support consisting of details, experience, and source.

(10) Sufficient causes/effects and absence of errors in reasoning:

1. Sufficient causes and/or effects

2. Hidden causes and effects

3. Mistaking chronology for causation

4. Mistaking correlation for causation

5. Unsupported assumptions

(10) Use of Sources – 3-5 - Appropriate quotes/ paraphrases support position and are well-integrated into text. Well-chosen source material.

(10) Conclusion - The reader is left with a sense of understanding. Main idea is reinforced in an interesting way.

(5) Style/Tone - College-level prose with a sense of audience; fluency and ease with academic language.

(10) MLA Format - Virtually error-free in-text citations

(10) Works Cited page error free formatting

TOTAL = 100 points

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (50) Grammar, Usage and Mechanics Correctness - Virtually error-free